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MEMORANDUM FOR: Members of the Chapter IX Subcommittee
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SUBJECT: Meeting Scheduled for 14 October 1957

1. A meeting of the NIS Chapter IX Subcommittee will be held at 2:00 PM on 14 October 1957 in Room 206, Building 11, to discuss the NIS Committee comments on the maintenance of Chapter IX for NIS 26.

2. The proposals agreed upon by the Chapter IX Subcommittee on 24 May 1957 and 11 June 1957 were discussed at NIS Committee Meeting No. 250, 2 August 1957. The following is an excerpt from the minutes, paragraph 4:

Treatment of NIS Chapter IX (Map and Chart Appraisal)
on NIS Area 26 (USSR)

The vice chairman noted that the memoranda from the Chapter IX Coordinator reporting on the meetings of the Chapter IX Subcommittee on 24 May and 11 June 1957 (refer to Item 7a NCM 249) indicated that production of NIS Chapter IX (M) on NIS 26 (USSR) was being planned in a five-part regional breakdown. He stated that inquiry of the Chapter IX Coordinator disclosed that the indicated five-part treatment is to be considered as a proposal by the Chapter IX Subcommittee to the NIS Committee for its decision in the matter.

The members were informed that after a study of the proposal in OBI, the conclusion was reached that treatment of NIS Chapter IX (M) on NIS 26 in several parts might be desirable because of the complexity of the area and materials involved. However, it was also concluded that treatment of this Chapter IX in three parts rather than five parts as proposed by the Chapter IX Subcommittee would be more logical from the standpoint of coverage of the area by commonly known regions, as well as making it far more convenient for NIS users to find desired information. To this end the following counter-proposal was submitted by the vice chairman for consideration of the Committee:

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NIS Chapter IX (M) for NIS Area 26 to be produced in three parts, each to be composed of Sections 90, 91, and 92. One part will treat with the USSR as a whole; one part with the European USSR, and one part with the Asiatic USSR. The first will give the over-all mapping picture of the entire area, and the last two parts will cover their respective areas from a regional standpoint. The division between the two regional parts to be an arbitrary line running down through the Urals.

The vice chairman asked the members to study the proposal of the Chapter IX Subcommittee and the alternate proposal of OBI, and be prepared to discuss this matter at the next NIS Committee meeting.

3. The proposals for NIS 26 Chapter IX maintenance were further discussed at NIS Committee Meeting No. 251, 3 September 1957. Paragraph 4 from the minutes of that meeting follows:

Treatment of Chapter IX(M) on USSR

The Committee discussed at length the proposals for treatment of Chapter IX (M) on the USSR presented at the last meeting (refer to Item 4 NCM 250). All members favored the OBI proposal to produce the Chapter IX on the USSR in three parts, except the Army member who stated that Army would accept the proposal reluctantly with respect to the development of the third part on Asiatic USSR because of the small scale maps required. He added that Army did not have sufficient new information on Russian topographic map series to justify maintenance at this time.

The chairman noted that the Chapter IX Committee had recommended maintenance for Chapter IX on the USSR for Fiscal Years 1959-60, so presumably there was sufficient new information on other Russian map and chart categories to warrant revision. However, he recommended that all members investigate this matter with their Chapter IX Committee representatives and, if necessary, re-open the maintenance question on that committee. As to the scale of the NIS maps for Asiatic USSR, the chairman observed that the present Chapter IX had been done on the USSR as a whole using even smaller scale maps than presently proposed.

The Committee approved the OBI proposal to produce Chapter IX (M) on the USSR in three parts; namely, the USSR as a whole, European USSR, and Asiatic USSR (refer to specific proposal in Item 4 NCM 250). The Committee recommended that: Part I (USSR as a whole) be produced and published concurrently with or before the other two Parts; the Chapter IX

Committee confirm its maintenance proposals for producing this Chapter during FY 1959-60; and production scheduling of the three Parts conform to the capabilities of the contributing agencies.

4. The above excerpts are included for your study so that you may present your agency's views of the proposals at the meeting.

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